

[23 March, 2001]

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THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) No approval is accorded by the Ministry of Human Resource Development for setting up of Institutes for higher education and for vocational education.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Deficiencies in vocational education system

†3110 SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. D. MASTHAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether comprehensive deficiencies have been noticed in the present vocational education system;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and whether any reformative changes have been carried out by Government to remove these deficiencies;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Consequent to an evaluation study on the implementation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education, State/U.Ts. were advised to take corrective measures including creation of management structure, appointment of permanent teachers, more thrust for Vocational Education Programme, improvement in teacher training, school-industry linkage, maintenance of data etc. The recommendations were also studied in detail by a Working Group constituted under the chairmanship of Director, National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). Recommendations of the Working Group were circulated to all States/U.Ts. Majority of the States/U.Ts. broadly agreed with the recommendations of the Working Group. On the basis of the evaluation report, Working

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Group and other reports available on the Vocational Education, a Strategy Paper has been prepared. A Committee has also been constituted to study the reports and to bring out a revised scheme, if necessary, for implementation during the next Plan period.

Pay scale of Primary Teachers

3111. SHRI V. V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state what has been the fate of the proposal, reportedly under consideration of Government of India, to upgrade the pay scales of Primary Teachers of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti etc., who had been given a raw deal while implementing the revised pay scale of central teachers, following the report of Fifth Central Pay Commission?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): The proposal for upgrading the pay scales of the Primary Teachers was considered in the National Anomaly Committee and a disagreement was recorded. The matter has now to be considered through Arbitration.

Value based education

3112. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have a proposal to promote value based education;
- (b) if so, whether University Grants Commission has prepared a syllabus therefor; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the programme proposed in 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government is already implementing a scheme of Assistance for Strengthening Culture and Value in Education.